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O 092138Z SEP 77 FM AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6431

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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: BOMB FOUND AT SANTIAGO BINATIONAL CENTER (BNC)

- 1. AN UNIDENTIFIED MALE CALLED THE BNC AT 1:45 P.M. TODAY AND ADVISED THE RECEPTIONIST THAT A BOMB HAD BEEN PLACED IN THE BNC EITHER ON THE TERRACE OR IN THE CAFETERIA WHICH ARE ADJACENT TO EACH OTHER. THE CALLER ALSO STATED THAT THE QUOTE POPULAR RESISTANCE WOULD TRIUMPH UNQUOTE (LA RESISTENCIA POPULAR VENCERIA)), AND IF SHE (THE RECEPTIONIST) DID NOT TAKE ACTION AND SOMETHING HAPPENED SHE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE.
- 2. THE CAFETERIA AREA WAS IMMEDIATELY EVACUATED AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND LOCAL POLICE SEARCHED THE ENTIRE CENTER. AN UNIDENTIFIED CYLINDRICAL OBJECT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT INCHES LONG AND THREE INCHES IN DIAMETER WAS DISCOVERED ON THE TERRACE. IT WAS WRAPPED IN LIGHT YELLOW PAPER AND TIGHTLY BOUND WITH SCOTCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TAPE. THE LOCAL BOMB SQUAD EXAMINED THE OBJECT AND DETERMINED IT CONTAINED METAL. THEY THEN WRAPPED THE OBJECT IN A BOMB BLANKET AND REMOVED IT FROM THE PREMISES. THE BNC RESUMED ITS NORMAL OPERATIONS AT 3:00 P.M.

3. THE CARABINEROS HAVE INFORMED US THAT THE OBJECT

REMOVED FROM THE BNC WAS IN FACT A BOMB CONSISTING OF A SEIKO WRISTWATCH, 1.5 VOLT DRY BATTERY, TWO DETONATORS AND 250 GRAMS OF PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE INSIDE A PLASTIC TALCUM POWER CONTAINER. THE BOMB WAS SET TO GO OFF AT APPROXIMATELY 4:00.

4. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED BOMB THREATS IN THE PAST, THE MOST RECENT ABOUT FOUR WEEKS AGO, BUT PREVIOUS SEARCHES HAVE NOT TURNED UP EVEN A BOMB FACSIMILE. THE RESISTENCIA POPULAR IS AN EXTREME LEFT ORGANIZATION WHICH UNTIL NOW, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, HAS LIMITED ITS ACTIVITIES TO CIRCULATING ANTI-GOVERNMENT PAMPHLETS.

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